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Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR §1.47(a)

Sir:

This is in response to the Decision On Petition mailed August 3, 2006 in regard to the above-identified patent application. The USPTO is requested to reconsider the merits of the petition.

The Decision indicated that a single mailing, receipt of which has not been confirmed, is insufficient on its own to support a conclusion that the inventor has refused to sign the application. It is uncertain how the USPTO has come up with this "arbitrary" standard. The MPEP section 409.03(d) specifies that "[a] copy" (singular) of the application papers be sent to the inventor; **not multiple copies**. However, to

expedite examination of the application, applicant's attorney sent the non-signing inventor another letter again requesting the inventor to sign the declaration. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the letter which was sent on August 8, 2006. No reply has been received from the non-signing inventor.

In view of this additional evidence, the USPTO is requested to reconsider its decision regarding the petition filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Re.: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/560,194
Based upon International Applic. No.: PCT/SG2004/000176
"Receptacle Connector Assembly For IC Card And IC Card Connector"
Our Ref. No. 003D.0083.U1(US)

Dear Mr. Lu:

Further to our letter of February 7, 2006, we represent FCI for the above-identified patent application in the United States. Enclosed is a copy of the application including the description, claims and drawings. You are one of the inventors as identified in the International Applic. No.: PCT/SG2004/000176. We need to file a declaration in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to complete the national stage filing requirements. Enclosed is a copy of the declaration for your signature. Please sign and date the enclosed declaration and return it to us in the enclosed prepaid Federal Express return envelope.

We understand that you now work for a competitor of FCI, and have previously indicated that you would not sign the declaration. However, in order to proceed with the U.S. patent application, regardless of whether or not you actually sign the declaration, we needed to attempt to present you with the papers for signing. If you agree to signing the formal papers for the U.S. patent application, also enclosed is an assignment document which you can also sign and return.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

HARRINGTON & SMITH, LLP


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